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DETECTION WITH  
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CONTRAST AGENTS

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Please amend the specification and claims in accordance with the following replacement paragraphs and rewritten claims in clean form. Applicants include herewith an Attachment for replacement paragraphs of the specification and for claim amendments showing a marked up version of each replacement paragraph and amended claim in which underlines indicate insertions and brackets indicate deletions. Changes in paragraphs are further identified by bolding in the marked-up version.

SPECIFICATION REPLACEMENT PARAGRAPHS REWRITTEN IN CLEAN FORM

On page 1, line 8 through page 2, line 2, please delete paragraph and substitute therefor, the paragraph below which has been changed with respect to the original paragraph by deleting on line 25, the letter "m" after the numeral "1998".

Molecular imaging can enhance the utility of traditional clinical imaging by allowing specific detection of molecular markers in tissues using site-targeted contrast

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